

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

In October 2006, Special Town Meeting amended the town's general bylaws to create Chapter 10, which established the Bylaw Review Committee.

The Board of Selectmen advertised for volunteers to apply for committee membership, and in 2007 the selectmen appointed the three committee members.

The committee held its inaugural meeting on November 26 and another meeting in December. The committee elected officers, agreed on procedures for running its meetings, and set its schedule to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. It also decided that in its first few months it would focus on working with those who were proposing amended or new bylaws for the May 2008 Annual Town Meeting warrant. The committee agreed that once that work was done it would turn to another of its duties – reviewing the current general bylaws for internal consistency and consistency with applicable laws and the Town Charter.

The committee drafted a memo to introduce itself to the town, explaining its function and availability to provide assistance as needed. The memo was emailed to all town departments, committees, and boards as well as to the local newspapers. The committee also asked the Selectmen to include deadlines in their timeline for the May 2008 Annual Town Meeting for submittal of proposed general bylaw amendments to the Bylaw Review Committee prior to warrant articles being sent to Town Counsel for review.

Lynn Cohen
Chair

Amber Brown
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ex officio member*